

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Discount rates were 4% to 7 per cent for call and time loans. Clearances, \$481,640; balances, \$40,276. New York exchange, 30c premium bid, 30c premium asked; New Orleans discount bid, 30c premium asked; Louisville, par bid, 10c premium asked; Chicago, 20c premium bid, 30c premium asked; Cincinnati, par bid, 30c premium asked.

The local wheat market closed higher at the March 16, 1900, May, 67¢; June, 70¢; No. 2 red corn closed higher at 35¢; No. 3 March, 57¢; No. 5 May, 57¢; July, 58¢; No. 6 March, 57¢; No. 7 May, 58¢; No. 8 June, 58¢; No. 9 July, 58¢.

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The local spot cotton market closed steady.

WASHINGTON.

The Senate agreed to take up the Quay case on Tuesday, April 3.

The Senate passed the Puerto Rican appropriation bill. Amendments proposed were voted down or withdrawn.

The House delayed the day to consider the private claim bill.

Sectarian testimony was given in the investigation of the Court of Appeals, Boston, mining trouble.

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GERMANY'S PRESS ON INTERVENTION.

Alleged Russian Promise Not to Take Advantage of England.

BERLIN'S HANDS ALSO TIED.

France's Readiness to Profit at Germany's Cost Keeps the Kaiser Neutral, Leaving Boers Friendless.

SPAIN BY CABLE.

Berlin, March 16.—(Special to the New York Herald Tribune)—The question of intervention in the South Africa war occupies the attention of a large section of the German press. The *Kreis-Zeitung* says:

"The whole question of the possibility of intervention is influenced by a peculiar feature, the expense of which we are able to confirm. Immediately after the breaking of the war the *Times* gave the English Government its formal promise that under no circumstances would it take advantage of Germany's indecisiveness. It lay in the hands of others that such an attitude on the part of the English would be maintained."

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MISS HORLOCKER DEPARTS.

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REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Jacksonville, Ill., March 16.—Miss Viola Horlocker, who has been staying at Oaklawn Sanitarium for the Insane here since last June, left this morning for Hastings, N.Y.

Her trial on the charge of sending a box of poison candy to Mrs. Morley of Hastings is set for March 19.

Mrs. H. D. Cheever of New York City, Miss Horlocker's sister, accompanied her. While here the young lady has been under the care of Doctor Norbury, who will be a witness in the case.

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The latest advice respecting the surrender of Bloemfontein show that the approach of the British caused a stampede. Thirteen trains, each composed of forty cars and all crammed with Boers, hurried northward just before the line was cut. Mr. Stein would have been compelled to march, but he pretended that he was going to reinforce the outposts and at midnight took a cartridge which was waiting for him outside the town and thus escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and supplies stored away.

CASES OF ATROCITIES.

London, March 16.—It was officially announced today that the British are attacking the Boers.

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